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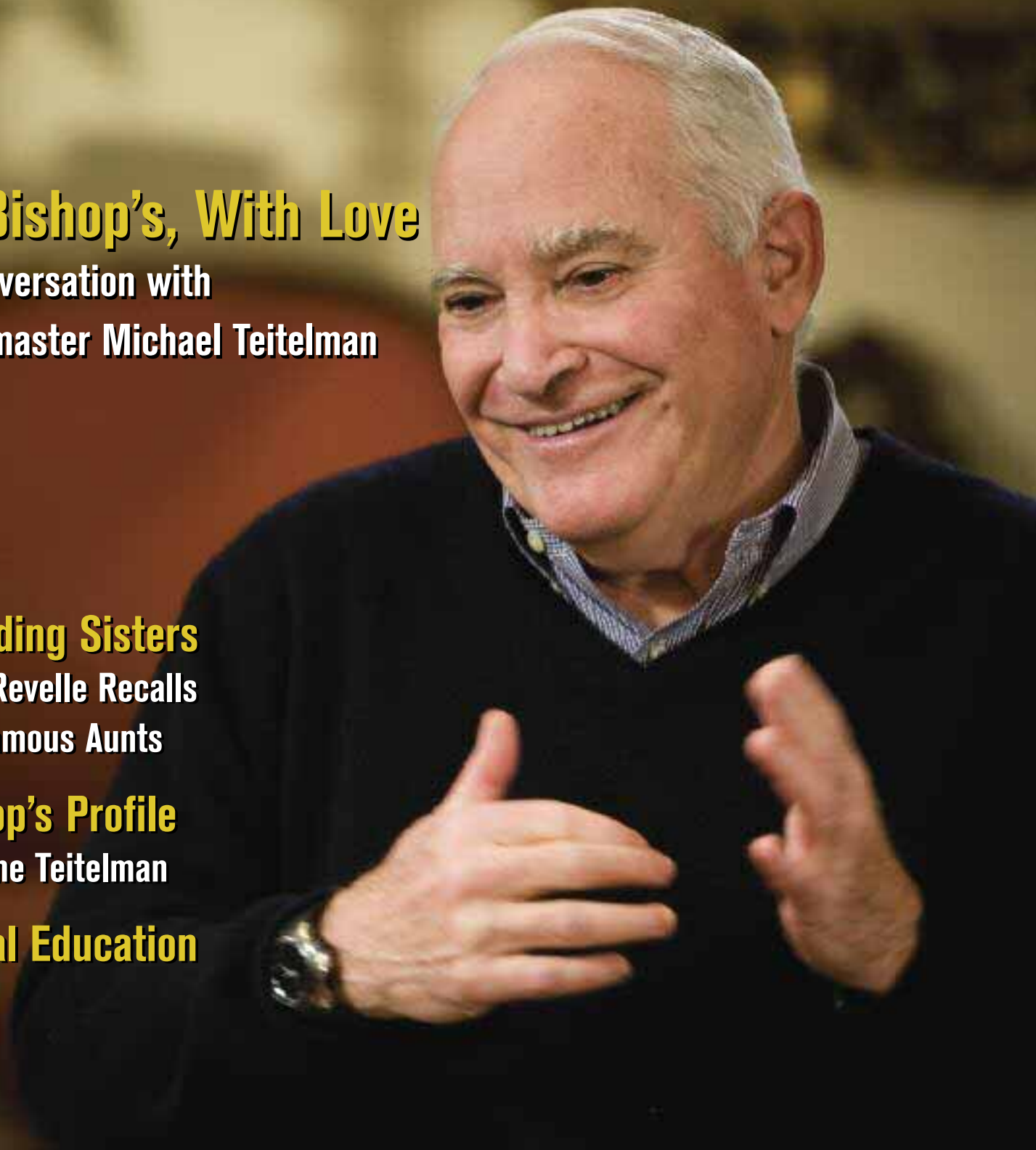
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The Bishop's School is an academic community pursuing intellectual, artistic, and athletic excellence in the context of the Episcopal tradition. We are dedicated to offering the highest quality education to a diverse student body and to fostering integrity, imagination, moral responsibility, and commitment to serving the larger community.

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Letter from the President, Board of Trustees

The Centennial year has been both historic and nostalgic for Headmaster Michael Teitelman. A time to celebrate the numerous successes of his remarkable 25-year tenure as well as a time to look forward to his hard-earned and well-deserved retirement. The cover story in this issue of *Bishop's* recounts the journey Mike has made, and the institution that he has so carefully helped to build with the steadfast and enthusiastic support of his wife Marlene.

Hallmarks of the "Teitelman Years" have included a strong commitment to faculty and an emphasis on "academics, academics, academics." But Mike has also understood how to build a strong sense of community and the importance of a diverse campus culture. He led the dramatic growth of a scholarship program that now provides annual student financial support totaling over \$2.5 million. And Mike has nurtured the important balance between academics and co-curricular activities, including athletics and the performing arts. This winter all five varsity sports teams that Bishop's fielded earned league championships, and three out of five also won CIF section championships. A far cry from the school Mike inherited in 1983!

Mike Teitelman deserves our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks as he completes his twenty-fifth year at Bishop's. In many ways, he is Bishop's. His legacy is an independent school with few peers: one with excellence across many disciplines, but perhaps more importantly, one with heart and soul.

As we celebrate 100 years of excellence at Bishop's, let us also celebrate the extraordinary 25 years of Mike and Marlene Teitelman. All of us have been touched by their passion for education and by their deep love of this institution. Mike and Marlene, we salute you!

Bradley A. Geier
(Caitlin '04, Ashley '05, Lindsay '05, Will '07, Haley '09)
President, Board of Trustees

Above photo: Headmaster Michael Teitelman and Brad Geier at the party hosted by San Diego Magazine for Centennial Celebration sponsors

Global Education Trips (Spring Break 2009)

Acting Workshop in England

Who: 21 students from Acting Workshop and Advanced Theatre Production, 3 teachers
Where: England
What: Perform “Bang Bang, You’re Dead” at independent schools; attend theatre productions
Why: To see and experience theatre in England
Highlight: Tour, lecture and workshop at The Globe; performing at the Cabaret at Hurstpierpoint College

Spain Exchange 2009

Who: 9 students, 2 teachers
Where: Málaga, Spain
What: 2-week home-stay with students at Bishop’s sister school Colegio Puertosol; attend school and facilitate English classes, group discussions and interviews
Why: Language and cultural experiences
Highlight: Warm reception received from the Spanish families and the school.

China Cultural Trip

Who: 23 upper school students, 3 teachers
Where: Beijing, Xi’an and Shanghai
What: 10-day trip to China
Why: To experience local customs and cultural traditions, see rich Chinese history, integrate education and global citizenship, and enjoy the diversity of modern China.
Highlight: First step in establishing a cultural exchange in spring 2010 with high school affiliated with Fudan University.

Performing Dance Group in NYC

Who: 6 Performing Dance Group seniors, 1 teacher
Where: New York City
What: Opportunity to study at the Broadway Dance Center, The Alvin Ailey Studios and STEPS on Broadway; attend several performances; tour Radio City Music Hall and visit the dance division of the New York Public Library
Why: To see and experience dance in NYC
Highlight: Impromptu performance in the 42nd Street and Broadway subway station.

Galapagos/Amazon Tour

Who: 12 upper school students, 3 teachers
Where: Ecuador: Galapagos Islands and Amazon Rain Forest
What: 11-day trip led by local guides, including hiking and snorkeling
Why: To enrich the students’ understanding of scientific themes such as evolution, conservation, and ecology.
Highlight: Observing species found nowhere else on the planet.

French Exchange 2009

Who: 19 upper school students, 2 teachers
Where: Grenoble, France
What: Annual exchange with Lycée du Grésivaudan (French students were at Bishop’s last fall.)
Why: Language enrichment and visits to cities such as Briançon, Lyon, and Annecy
Highlight: Snowshoeing, skiing, snowboarding and sledding in fresh snow; shopping at the largest mall in Europe.

Model U.N. in Baltimore

Who: 11 students, 2 teachers
Where: Washington D.C.; Baltimore
What: Negotiate global peace and justice at the Johns Hopkins Model UN Conference; explore Washington D.C.
Why: Exposure to important historical landmarks; opportunity to discuss pressing international challenges and create resolutions that seek to promote global stability.
Highlight: Meeting with the first ambassador of Cote d’Ivoire, one of the countries Bishop’s students represented at the Model UN Conference.

Civil Rights Tour in the South

Who: 15 upper school students, 3 teachers
Where: Alabama and Georgia
What: 4-day tour of the key historical landmarks of the Civil Rights Movement; attend receptions and symposiums
Why: Tracing the path of the movement that impacted and empowered the United States.
Highlight: A visit to Ebenezer Baptist Church where students spoke with the Reverend Billy Williams.

Production) and Manhattan (Performing Dance Group excursion). This summer, a faculty-led student visit is planned to Namibia for a combination of tourism and community service.

Travel programs by their very nature, however, are expensive and thus exclusionary. “One of the biggest problems for me personally,” says Dr. Moseley, “is that we are a school that welcomes kids from all socio-economic backgrounds—20 percent of our students are on scholarship—yet at the moment we don’t have any resources for foreign travel for them.”

In the next six months Dr. Moseley hopes to survey parents and alumni to see what kind of buy-in there is for moving the School in this direction. “In particular I’d be fascinated to see what percentage of alumni who graduated in the last five to ten years studied abroad while they were at college, or performed international community service, or ended up in international careers.”

As for Bishop’s current crop of future leaders, Dr. Moseley says his impression is that Bishop’s students are ahead of the curve.

“As faculty and administrators we are playing catch-up with how globally connected our students already are.”

Global Action on Campus

By Julie Gantz ’09 and Sarah Levin ’09

On November 10 we co-chaired the second Human Rights Day and worked with a committee of students to make the experiences of this all-day event valuable. Thirty-six speakers were invited to campus from around the country to discuss human rights issues through lectures, panels and debates. They spoke not only of the diversity of problems in the world but also of the diversity of opportunities to make a difference and to take action for human rights.

The Bishop’s community has taken action since the November 10 event. At the Christmas concert, Mrs. Louise Carmon, music teacher, spoke of being inspired to help others. This inspiration, combined with her recent travels to Kenya and Tanzania, led her to raise \$1,500 for the schools of the Maasai people by passing a Santa hat at the Christmas concert. Human Rights Day speaker Alison Adams Royle ’57 shared with students her work at St. Mary’s Mission in northern Namibia. At the end of May, 25 students led by Dr. David Moseley and other faculty members will travel to Africa and spend 10 days working at the Mission. The group will bring classroom supplies and other items to share with the students there.

SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS

Trevor Hoffman Leads by Example

By Kelsey Hanger ’09

The roaring crowd jumps up from the stands, hot dogs and Cracker Jacks go flying, and everyone shouts the lyrics of AC/DC’s “Hell Bells.” It’s Trevor Time.

Trevor Hoffman, with 552 total saves, is Major League Baseball’s record-holder. As a closer, he is a relief pitcher who gets the final outs in a close game and is referred to as one of the best closers in baseball history. On November 6 the former No. 51 for the San Diego Padres came to Bishop’s as our Endowed Leadership Lecture Series speaker. An anonymous donor funded this lecture series in 2003, the goal being to invite inspirational national leaders to talk to the students, faculty and staff at Bishop’s. This right-sided batter and hitter was definitely inspired.

Larry King, on videotape, introduced Mr. Hoffman, who began his remarks by

explaining the importance of integrity in his life. Whether you are on a dirt mound in front of thousands of people, taking a test next to two people, or running a major corporation, the importance to stick to a higher moral code is essential to living a good life.

Mr. Hoffman also spoke about never leaving yourself with the question, “What if?” but to go for your dreams and advised Bishop’s students to live “concerned more about character than reputation.” His routine for a game was particularly intriguing—he leaves the pen when the game gets intense. He never wants the pressure to affect his game. Even when he broke the saves record, he kept his mind focused on his game and not on the pressure. By the end of the assembly, held in the Eva May Fleet Athletic Center, Trevor Hoffman had once again captivated the crowd.



Past Distinguished Endowed Leadership Lecture Series Speakers

- Paul Muldoon—March 2004**
(2003 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry)
- Christopher Parkening—December 2004**
(Premier Classical Guitarist)
- David Baltimore—October 2005**
(1975 Nobel Laureate, Physiology/Medicine)
- Bonnie St. John ’82—May 2007**
(1984 Paralympics Silver Medalist)
- Morris Dees—March 2008**
(Civil Rights Activist)

Scientists Inspire the Next Generation

Qualcomm Founder Irwin M. Jacobs and Birch Aquarium’s Nigella Hillgarth Speak at Bishop’s

By Ria Custodio



The **Leaders in Science Lecture Series** was established five years ago to bring outstanding people from the science community to campus to inform and inspire the Bishop’s community.

In 2008-2009, through the Centennial Celebration sponsorship of Nicholas-Applegate, the series featured two scientists who have led



the way locally in their fields.

Nigella Hillgarth, Ph.D., a distinguished scientist and zoologist who joined the Birch Aquarium at Scripps in 2002 as executive director, opened the series

on October 1. Dr. Hillgarth’s lecture covered the science and facts of global warming as studied at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, touching on thought-provoking issues surrounding climate change and its effects on California.

The second and final lecture for the year, held on February 24, featured Irwin M. Jacobs, Sc.D., co-founder and chairman of Qualcomm. Dr. Jacobs’ lecture, titled “The Evolution of Qualcomm, CDMA, and the Ubiquitous Cell Phone,” highlighted how technology can drive education and how digital wireless has affected the economic development of San Diego. Dr. Jacobs’ passion for learning and innovation was expressed through his optimism for the next generation of leaders. Dr. Jacobs is the grandfather of Jess ’10 and Sam ’12 Jacobs.

Both lectures were held in the Michael & Marlene Teitelman Science Center, Geier Family Presentation Hall.

Above: Dr. Nigella Hillgarth
Left: Dr. Kathleen Sheehan, Dr. Irwin Jacobs, Jess Jacobs ’10

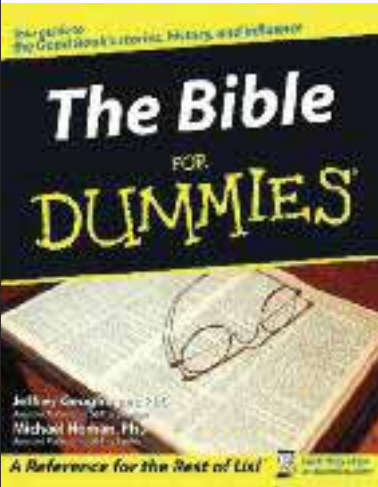
Bishop's Buzz



Happy birthday to Rosamond Loomis who turned 98 on February 14.

FACULTY & STAFF

Dee Mecham (history and social sciences) participated on a panel at the National Advanced Placement (AP) Economics Conference, one of three distinguished faculty in the nation to be honored in this way. Dee is working on a national committee creating the social studies curriculum for a pre-AP class and for seven years has been an AP Economics Exam



grader. ■ **Dr. Jeffrey Geoghegan** (history and social sciences) is the co-author of *The Bible for Dummies*, which was published in 2003. He has also co-authored *The Nine Commandments: Uncovering the Hidden Pattern of Crime and Punishment in the Hebrew Bible* and the soon-to-be published *Bible Atlas*. ■ In preparation for the publication of a second edition, **Brigitte Kyle** (foreign



Varsity Academic League team

languages) was asked to prepare an evaluation and correction of the first edition of Barron's SAT // *French Test Preparation Book*. She completed the project in December. ■ **Anna J. Roseboro**, a member of the School's English Department from 1987-2005, has received the California Association of Teachers of English most prestigious honor—the Distinguished Service Award. Following her retirement from Bishop's, Mrs. Roseboro moved to Grand Rapids, MI, where she is an adjunct professor at Calvin College.

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

The inaugural **Bishop's mock trial team** placed second in the county competition sponsored by the San Diego County Bar Association. The team lost in the final round by the razor-thin margin of 261-259 points to the defending champions. The team was coached by attorneys Karin Vogel (Kelly '14),

Lisa Missett (Celeste Crawford '14), and Jennifer Kaplan Lebow '96. Seniors Justin Horowitz and Sam Brier were named outstanding attorneys in the competition. The mock trial competition was a class project of the AP American Government class. ■ A 71-56 defeat of La Jolla High School earned the **Varsity Academic League team** the 2009 Coastal League championship title. Undeclared going into the championship game, Bishop's students established a clear advantage of 16-9 on toss-up questions. The team



competed in the City Conference championship. ■ For the 15th consecutive year the **Bishop's Singers** received the top rating ("superior") at the California Music Educators local choir festival. Students in the **jazz instrumental program** participated in a jazz festival in Fullerton, CA, and also received a "superior" rating. Congratulations to **Aidan Miles '09** who was judged second in the soloist category. ■ **Kamal Assaf '88**, who is a member of the School's History and Social Sciences Department and the varsity basketball coach at La Jolla High School, was recognized by the *San Diego Union-Tribune* as a Coach of the Year.

PARENTS OF ALUMNI

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary has honored 15 Women of Dedication for 2009, including **Ann Hill** (Jeffrey '97, Emily '03), **Susan Oliver** (Josh '96, Andrew '98), and **Katie Sullivan** (Sarah '07). ■ **Gloria Baker** (Veronica Andujar '02) is a new member of the Board of Directors of the La Jolla Library.

On the cover of San Diego Lawyer magazine: Steven Strauss '09, Pieter Stougaard '09, Thomas Chippendale '09



Graduate in the White House

Melissa Winter '85 (far right in photo) has been named the deputy chief of staff for Michelle Obama, wife of President Barack Obama. In an interview with the *La Jolla Light* after the announcement was made in early December, Melissa described the appointment as "huge and overwhelming. It's an incredible opportunity." Melissa first joined Mrs. Obama's staff in 2007 as traveling chief of staff, and actively worked with the first lady during the Presidential campaign. The appointment caps more than 18 years of experience on Capitol Hill for Melissa, where she worked for Norman Mineta (D-CA) and then for Joe Lieberman as executive assistant, traveling aide and director of scheduling during his 2004 Presidential race. (See "Political Sense & Sensibility," *Bishop's* spring/summer 2008.)



Season of the Century

It was a season that set school records and saw fans jumping up in excitement and awe at the determination and talent of Bishop's scholar-athletes. At the conclusion of the 2009 winter sports season ALL five teams—girls' soccer, basketball and water polo; boys' soccer and basketball—had won their respective League titles and three teams (girls' soccer and basketball, boys' basketball) had garnered the CIF championship crown as well.

In post CIF divisional play, the girls' basketball team reached the final game in the southern regional competition, losing a tight match (51-54) to Mater Dei. The *San Diego Union-Tribune* recognized the talent of two Bishop's basketball players naming **Inga Orekhova '09** the Player of the Year and awarding **Gizelle Studevant '09** a berth on the First Team.

The girls' soccer team also moved into regional playoffs making it to the semifinal game. **Lindsey Holman-Kelly '09**, a four-year member of the soccer team, was also honored by the *Union-Tribune* as the Player of the Year. Finishing the triple crown of high school sports was **Dominique Sardo '09**, who this season set the CIF career record of 486 steals in water polo and was named Player of the Year by the *Union-Tribune*.

Congratulations to these scholar-athletes who were named to All-Section Second Teams: **Stevie Griglak '09** (soccer), **Malik Love '10** (basketball), **Zach Ostrup '09** (soccer), and **Sarah Presant '10** (water polo).

Errors and Omissions: We regret that errors were made in the class years for the following alumni in the fall/winter 2008 issue of *Bishop's* magazine: Andrew Campbell '02, Cheka Gage '01, Alexandra Gage '02, Aaron Infante-Levy '98.